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STYLISH SCOTS SURE TO PLEASE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With the Socceroos on their way to the World Cup, the attention of Sydney fans this week focuses on the Scotsmen from Aberdeen who meet a NSW XI at the Sportsground on Sunday.

Scottish teams have seldom failed to delight Australian soccer crowds.

Hearns of Midlothian in the late 1950's, a Scottish representative side in 1967 and Dundee two years ago won many friends in Australia with their fluent, open style of football.

There is no reason to expect less from Aberdeen.

Known as the "Dons", Aberdeen have been in the vanguard of Scottish soccer for many years.

Despite the almost continuous domination of Celtic, and to a lesser degree Rangers, Aberdeen also belong to the elite of Scottish football.

We are delighted to have them in our midst.

FC Dundee in 1972 annihilated NSW 6-1 in one of the most brilliant displays seen from a touring team for many years.

Although the NSW team on Sunday will be vastly under-strength as all our top players are abroad with the World Cup squad, chances of another humiliating defeat appear remote.

South Australia, after all, drew 2-2 with Aberdeen and Queensland beat them 2-1 last week.

The State team on Sunday will contain several players on the fringe of national team selection.

Many of them are ready to step into the shoes of those Socceroos whose term of national team duty will be up after the World Cup.

With Australia scheduled to tour overseas later this year, the younger brigade, which will be represented in force at the Sportsground, have everything to play for.

This NSW team, however, will be handicapped by lack of serious preparation and training, and in this vital department Aberdeen will have the edge.

Aberdeen's Australian matches have so far yielded plenty of goals.

They are well and truly in the mould of the Scottish teams which toured Australia previously: they go all out in attack, throw caution to the wind and play to entertain the crowds.

Possible teams:

NSW: 1. Herford, 2. Perry, 3. McGinn, 4. Trkufja, 5. Robertson, 6. Russell, 7. Rutherford, 8. Muniz, 9. Pocock, 10. Rogers, 11. Butler.

Aberdeen: 1. B. Clark, 2. J. Hermiston, 3. C. McLelland, 4. E. Thomson, 5. W. Young, 6. W. Miller, 7. J. Smith, 8. B. Pirie, 9. D. Jarvie, 10. J. Henry, 11. A. Graham.

Referee: P. Rampley.



Aberdeen attack against Falkirk in a recent Scottish league match. Tom McMillan (Falkirk) shields goalie Alastair Donaldson. The Aberdeen players are Drew Jarvie (left), Barrie Mitchell (centre) and Arthur Graham (on the ground).

SHARP CONTEST

Harry Williams is the new leader

Harry Williams is the new leader in the "Soccer World"-Sharp Players' Contest.

Williams' points average is a splendid 4.20.

Saints' Socceroo, however, can't afford to miss another match this season when he returns from the World Cup if he wants to qualify for the \$300 prize.

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Socceroos also fill second and third place on the current Contest standings list, with Sutherland goalkeeper Allan Maher on 4.14 points and APIA striker Peter Ollerston on 4.12.

Rolko Iie, the main architect of Pan Hellenic's improved fortunes this season, is in close attendance — on 4.11 points.

There are six players bunched together on 4.00 points.

They are Col Curran (Wests), Jim Rooney (APIA),

Terry Butler (APIA), Agenor Muriz (Hakoah), Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellenic) and Frank Brady (Croatia).

All of them, including several players whose current average stands at just under four points, still have outstanding prospects of emerging as Soccer World's Player of the Year at the completion of the 22 premiership rounds.

Points ranging from one to six are awarded at every

championship match by our staff reporters.

The player with the highest average at the end of the season will win the Sharp prize, provided he has appeared in at least 16 games.

Progress points will be published every two weeks.

● Turn to page 7 for your Sharp World Cup Contest, the deadline of which is June 6.

YOUNG CHELSEA TEAM IN DARWIN THIS WEEK

This is the youthful Chelsea squad to tour Australia, starting this week:

P. Bonetti, J. Phillips (goalies), G. Locke, C. Wilkins, J. Sparrow, J. Hollins, M. Droy, C. Cook, C. Garland, B. Gameson, T. Hutchinson, R. Wilkins, K. Swain, B. Bason, J. Binestone, J. Britton.

Manager: Dave Sexton.

Trainer: N. Medhurst.

Doctor: B. Marshall.

Itinerary: May 22 Darwin, May 26 Perth, May 29 Adelaide, June 2 Brisbane, June 5 Wollongong, June 9 Sydney.



The Marconi defence is on tenterhooks in this incident from last Sunday's match against Hakoah at Wentworth Park. Socceroo Ray Richards is in the thick of the action. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

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Socceroos Doug Utjesenovic, Atilla Abonyi, John Watkiss and John Warren, as well as Ron Corry, appear in a soccer coaching and instructional FILM produced by the Bank of NSW. Called "Soccer — the Universal Football Game," the 30-minute color film demonstrates the basic skills of the game using slow motion, stop action and sequence shots from actual games, including Australia v. Santos. Martin Royal does the commentary.

MARTIN ROYAL's resignation from the NSW Federation Executive wasn't all that of a shock. The popular ABC personality had lost his illusions some time ago and was contemplating the move for some months. What finally convinced him to resign was his eight-week absence to cover the World Cup starting next month. Ben Vargona, his replacement on the MC, is as yet undecided whether to stand for re-election at the AGM in November.

PAUL CAMPBELL has graduated as bachelor of commerce from the University of NSW. He has recovered from the bout of glandular fever which sidelined him for almost 12 months but is unlikely to play again for Croatia, whose officials, his father claims, did not come anywhere near him during his long illness.

Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales will compete in the 1974 Australian under-18 SCHOOLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP to be held in Sydney and Newcastle in the August/September school holidays. Other states have indicated that they will be in action in the 1975 titles, giving a full national cover.

The NSW Schools team to play the English Schools UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL team on Saturday, July 27, at Woonona Sports Ground, will be selected following a series of trials involving the best players from all sections of the schools and junior game. The main trials are: May 29, Illawarra District trials, Woonona Sports Ground; May 31, Sydney CHS trials at Garfield Park, Granville, 4 p.m.; June 7, Sydney CHS v. Illawarra CHS at Woonona Sports Ground; June 23, Sydney/Illawarra CHS teams v. Independent Schools and Catholic Schools at Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga, 11 a.m. One squad from the above will be chosen to play the Junior and Protestant Churches selects, from which the NSW side will be finalized.

Entries to the TASMAN CUP competition this year finally totalled 219 high schools. Rugby League drew 187 to their competition. Soccer still has the capacity to draw extra entries from district.

STOP PRESS

The Australian Socceroos beat Indonesia 2-1 in Jakarta in their first World Cup warm-up game.

Goals in the 76th minute by Peter Wilson and in the 78th minute by Col Curran gave Australia victory. Indonesian forward Abdul Kader missed a penalty early in the game.

Indonesia scored a hotly disputed goal in the 87th minute through winger Westalo.

Injuries to midfielder Ray Richards and defender Col Curran provided the only disappointing note in a fine display by the Socceroos.

A crowd of 61,000 watched the game.

● Full details by Lincoln Walters next week.

was signed by Granville-Parramatta last Sunday.

The postponed BALGOWNIE v. CORINTHIANS Second Division game will be played this Saturday evening at Woonona Oval. The third grade game will start at 4.15 p.m. and second and first grade games will follow.

Canterbury club's English representative will call the club as soon as arrangements are under way with one or two suitable players to build their team. If necessary president ANDREW VASS will return to London to complete the arrangements.

ABC TV soccer commentator MARTIN ROYAL leaves shortly to see a succession of World Cup build-up matches in Europe, which will provide much background for the ABC's big World Cup cover. Matches he expects to

cover include Belgium v. Scotland at Ostend, Holland v. Argentina at Rotterdam, Austria v. Italy at Vienna, England v. East Germany at Leipzig, England v. Yugoslavia at Belgrade, and Strasbourg v. Brazil at Strassbourg. He also will be on the spot for Australia's build-up games in Europe.

In the PUBLIC SERVICE "Competition played at the Domain, RGO "A" meet Taxation Department "A" on Thursday, May 23, at 1 p.m.

KEITH COCKBURN, the Sutherland forward, is negotiating to join a First Division club in Western Australia.

The mother of World Cup forward RAY BAARTZ collapsed and died last Tuesday at Newcastle. All soccer supporters extend their sympathy to Ray in his loss.

NSW's new goalkeeper

Steve Hesford's meteoric rise

— By SYD FAIRS —

"Mutch has placed the ball on the penalty spot and Hesford is standing on the goal line," BBC commentator Tommy Woodruffe announced dramatically.

"Hesford is kicking his fingers — he's got to stand still."

"Here it comes — and it's a goal."

"It's a goal, but it very nearly wasn't a goal. The shot hit the bar and I must say Hesford had no chance at all."

The goalkeeper wasn't Safeway United's Steve Hesford. It was his father keeping goal for Huddersfield in the dramatic FA Cup final of 1938 at Wembley.

And it was one of the most dramatic Cup Finals in the pre-war era.

The match had gone into extra time without a goal being registered.

Extra time was nearly spent when Preston North End's Mutch was tripped as he was about to shoot from just inside the penalty area.

Steve Hesford played more than 600 games in the Huddersfield Town goal and it would appear that his son, now guarding the Safeway United net, was destined also to become a keeper.

But the younger Steve had not played soccer until two years ago.

Now after only eight premiership matches with Safeway he has been selected to play for NSW against Aberdeen.

Many South Coast players, officials and fans are already rating the gentle young giant the best goal-keeping prospect to hit the Australian scene since Ron Lord.

Steve's dad was studying to be a schoolteacher when

he played for Huddersfield and attended Leeds University.

When his football career was finished he went teaching in Zambia and it was there that young Steve was born, just 20 years ago.

The youngster did not have many opportunities of kicking a football in Africa, but at the age of 12 he was sent back to England to boarding school at Blackpool.

The only football played at the school was Rugby and Steve quickly started as a centre.

When he left school two years ago he was talked into playing soccer with Lancashire club Fleetwood — Adrian Alston's former club.

With a name like Hesford he just had to be a goalkeeper and he quickly made his presence felt.

Scouts from neighboring Preston North End quickly spotted him.

It was at Preston that Jim Kelly saw him. Kelly had just received an SOS from Safeway for a goalkeeper and Steve was on the plane for Australia within two weeks.

Steve celebrated his 20th birthday the day Safeway secured two valuable points against Pan Hellenic recently.

Probably the greatest compliment paid to Hesford since he joined Safeway this season comes from his captain-coach Peter Wilson.

"I've no worries if a ball or player passes me — Steve will get it," Wilson says confidently.

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ABERDEEN NEVER OUT OF DIVISION I SINCE 1903

The most northerly professional league side in the UK, 160 kilometres NE of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, the Dons, play at Pittodrie Park, near the beach.

Pittodrie Park, which is covered on three sides has a stand seating capacity of 10,000, while the record attendance at the ground was 43,390 in their fourth round Scottish Cup tie with Hearts in 1954.

Aberdeen was formed in 1903 by the amalgamation of two local teams, Victoria United and Orion, and they joined the Scottish League in 1905.

Since then they have never been out of the First Division, but it was not until 1937 that

they came close to a major honor.

They reached the final of the Scottish Cup, only to lose 2-1 to Celtic.

After the Second World War the Dons had more success.

They won the first-ever Scottish League Cup in 1946 when they beat Rangers 3-2, and the following year played Hibernian in the Scottish Cup final.

They defeated the Edinburgh club 2-1 in spite of being a goal down at one time.

In 1953 they were at Hampden Park again. This time their opponents were Rangers. Aberdeen were a goal behind until eight minutes from the end when Harry Yorton levelled the scores.

The match ended in a draw, but Rangers won the replay.

Undaunted, the Dons reached the final again the following year.

They had trounced Rangers 6-0 in the semi-finals and looked the finest side in Scotland.

But Celtic were too good for them, and they lost 2-1.

So in two consecutive finals they were beaten by the odd goal each time.

New season, however, Aberdeen had their revenge.

They won the League Championship for the first time in their history, leading the table with 49 points, three more than Celtic.

The star of their attack was international outside right Graham Leggat, who later joined Fulham.

Since then Aberdeen have never won the title again, although they were runners-up in 1956, 1971 and 1972.

In 1971 Joe Harper scored 18 goals in their first 18 League matches and the Pittodrie club were on top.

But Celtic always had games in hand, and finally took the title by two points in a close finish.

In 1959 Aberdeen had yet another unlucky experience in Scottish Cup finals.

They came to Hampden Park as firm favorites, with players of the calibre of Archie Glen, Hugh Baird and Bobby Wishart in the team, but they were reduced to ten men and a passenger early in the game when fullback Caldwell was injured (substitutes were not allowed in those days) and were beaten 3-1 by St. Mirren.

It took them another eight years to reach their next

final, when all-conquering Celtic beat them 2-0.

Up to that time the Dons had appeared in seven Cup finals, and lost six of them — an unenviable record.

Then in 1970 they upset the odds by beating Celtic (for once) by the comfortable margin of 3-1 to gain their second Scottish Cup victory.

They had a young and enthusiastic set of players. In goal was Bobby Clark, Scotland's regular choice 'keeper, Henning Boel from Denmark, Jim Hermiston, Tommy McMillan and skipper Martin Buchan in the back four whilst up front were players like Jim Forrest, Davis Robb, Joe Harper and Arthur Graham. Plenty of talent there.

It is a great pity that for many years now Scottish club football has been dominated by Celtic. They have been League Champions every season since 1956-66 — nine times in succession.

Sometimes they miss out on the Scottish Cup, as when Aberdeen beat them, but they seem to collect that as well in alternate seasons.

It makes Scottish soccer very much a one-club affair.

In many European countries with relatively small populations the honors are shared every year by only two or three teams, but that's better than just one.

Celtic's domination in the past decade may have been tremendous for their Glasgow supporters, but not good for soccer as a whole.

The trophies should be shared more, or support will continue to diminish.

ABERDEEN AT A GLANCE

- Year Formed: 1903.
- Ground: Pittodrie Stadium (Size: 110 x 71 yds.)
- Capacity: 36,000 (10,000 seated).
- Telephone: Aberdeen 21428, 53497.
- Manager: Jimmy Bonithrone.
- Coach: George Murray.
- Secretary: Robert Whyte.
- Trainer: Teddy Scott.
- Club colors: Scarlet shirts, scarlet shorts with double white stripe.
- Club Nickname: "The Dons."
- Record Attendance: 46,061, v. Hearts, Scottish Cup, 4th Rd., March 13th, 1954. (Present Aberdeen FC have had no other home but Pittodrie).
- European Competitions Entered: Fairs Cup, 1968-69; Cup Winners Cup, 1967-68, 1970-71, UEFA Cup 1971-72.
- Record Transfer Fee Received: £125,000 from Manchester United for Martin Buchan, March 1972.

N.S.W.'s 62-nd international game

Sunday's match against Aberdeen will be NSW's 33rd international since the inception of Federation football in the late '40s.

Since 1959, when a NSW Federation team played its first international, against Deportivo Saprissa (Costa Rica), the State side lost 18 times, drew on five occasions and only won nine matches.

In pre-Federation days NSW played 29 times against foreign opposition for 12 wins, four draws and 13 defeats.

NSW's first international was way back in 1904 — a 1-0 victory against New Zealand.

In 1973 NSW played twice, for as many defeats, against English First Division clubs.

Stoke City won 3-1 and Birmingham City 2-1.

The local scorers on those occasions, Ray Richards, against Stoke, and Peter Orlerton, against Birmingham, are both with the Soccerroos on their way to the World Cup finals.

NSW has only ever met a Scottish team once — a match most Australians

would like to forget . . .

In 1972 FC Dundee, one of the most entertaining club sides ever to play here, trounced the State XI 6-1, with Ernie Campbell, another Hamburg-bound Soccerroo, NSW's lone scorer.

Hearts of Midlothian, the only other Scottish club side to visit Australia, did not play against NSW on their 1959 tour.

State teams have seldom ever enjoyed pre-match preparation in recent years, which explains their mediocre results in striking contrast to the glowing achievements of the national team.

NSW's best international results were 2-1 wins against Greece and Dynamo Moscow a year earlier.

Included amongst NSW's opponents in the last decade are teams of the calibre of Everton, Manchester United, Manchester City, AS Roma, Torpedo Moscow and Inter Bratislava of Slovakia.



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Meet our Scottish opponents

★ **BOBBY CLARK** — An outstanding amateur with Queen's Park and, like so many 'keepers of this famous club, Bobby has been equally successful in the professional ranks. He has given tremendous service since joining the Dons nine seasons ago. His skill brought him into international reckoning.

★ **HENNING BOEL** — This Danish player has been with Aberdeen for several seasons now. A strong tackler, the tall blond was out of action for quite a spell last season. Then he had to be content to make his comeback through the reserves.

★ **IAN HAIR** — A young man who has made a big hit since coming into the side at the beginning of September. A very bright future is forecast for Ian. Although he has had claim to a fullback berth, when he joined the club from East Kilbride BU in 1971 he was an inside forward.

★ **JIM HERMISTON** — An outstanding boy when he played for the Edina Juveniles in Edinburgh. Was signed by the Junior Club Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic but never actually played for them, being signed and called-up by the Dons immediately. Jim was a wing half at that time and in his eight years at Pittodrie he has gradually been converted to the back division with undoubted success. A very difficult man to beat, he likes to overlap.

★ **EDDIE THOMSON** — It was in March 1973 manager Jimmy Bonithrone signed Eddie from Hearts for a \$90,000 fee. The player gave yeoman service to Hearts, both as a player and captain. Was almost an ever-present this season.

★ **WILLIE YOUNG** — Although he signed up from Seton Athletic in 1969, it was two seasons ago big Willie really made his mark. Given his chance at centre half, he played so well that regular centre half McMillan simply couldn't regain his place. Tommy Docherty was quick

to realise the ability that lay in his 1.87 metre frame, and he came into Scotland's Youth pool.

★ **WILLIE MILLER** — Willie is one of two players on Aberdeen's books with the surname Miller. He was a centre forward with Eastercraig when spotted by the Dons, but through the reserve side he blossomed out as a number six. A strong player, his build-up underlines his forward experience.

★ **JIMMY MILLER** — An inside forward originally, Jimmy had senior experience with Leicestershire City before deciding to return to Scotland. He's on the small side — he's just 1.67 metre — but he abounds in ability.

★ **DREW JARVIE** — Was signed from Aldrie two seasons ago for \$100,000. He took some time to readjust to full time football, but finished up with twenty-six goals in 1973 — the same as Joe Harper. Gained a League Cup against England.

★ **JOHN CRAIG** — It was in 1970 John joined Aberdeen on a "free" from Chelsea. He just touches the 1.67 metre mark and weighs 65 kilos.

★ **ARTHUR GRAHAM** — It's only five seasons since the Dons picked Arthur up from Cambuslang Rangers. A Bobby Calder signing, he didn't have long to wait before showing what he could do on the left wing for Aberdeen's first team. Slightly built, but very fast and a real ball player, Arthur possesses a fair shot, too. Caught Tommy Docherty's eye when he was Scotland's boss.

★ **JOE SMITH** — It was in April, 1969, Joe followed big brother Jimmy — now with Newcastle — to Pittodrie. Signed from St. Gregory's Boys Club, it was obvious Joe was endowed with a lot of talent.

★ **DAVE ROBB** — Signed from Newburgh WE in 1965, with Chelsea as apprentice, but returned home after being homesick within a few weeks. Capped for Scotland at Scottish League and under-23 levels. Has scored over 100 league and cup goals.

★ **CHARLIE McLELLAND** — A fullback from Eastercraig who joined the club in 1967.

★ **BILLY PIRIE** — Centre-forward who hails originally from Arbroath. Signed in March this year for \$50,000.

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1 (1)

Ollerton 6 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

Ile 63 min.

Hakoah

1 (0)

Porter 83 min.

Marconi

1 (1)

Mackay (own goal) 19 min.

Sutherland

3 (3)

Trail 12 min., Cacciola 23 min., O'Connor 27 min.

Auburn

1 (0)

Lawson 52 min.

Croatia

2 (1)

Duma 42 and 70 min.

St. George

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Forrester 5, G. Brown 3, Hadlee 4, Venables 3, Guidice 3, H. Xipolitis 3, Armytage 3, W. Angelopoulos 3, Keri 4, P. Mullen 3, R. Brown 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: I. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * *

Petrovski 4, Z. Trkulja 4, S. Trkulja 4, Velkovski 4, Rootsey 3, McDonald 4, J. Alagich 4, Mihailovic 3, Srdarevic 3 (Simpson 55 min.), Takac 4, Kuzmanov 3 (Boskovski 82 min.).

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Eaton 4, Perry 4, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 3, Curran 4, Gray 3, Treblecock 3, Iswadi 4, Lindsay 3 (replaced by Smythe 31 min.), Bendall 3, Ainslie 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * *

Hesford 3, Tuckerman 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Thompson 4, Stonehouse 3, Fryer 3 (replaced by Pigott 69 min.), McGroty 3, Rigby 2, Alston 2, Bingham 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Kennedy 4, McGinn 3, Jenkins 4, Clarke 3, McGhee 4, Russell 3, Blues 3, Rooney 4 (Wallace 52 min.), Ollerton 4, Rogers 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Tunman 3, Izatt 4, Rudic 3, Barbooth 3, Bell 3 (Palmer, second half, 4), Stowell 5, Ile 5, Harding 4, Manuel 3, Carrizo 4, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Coe 4, Bibby 3, Mowbray 3, Watkiss 5, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3 (Barnes 46 min. 4), Fletcher 4, Muniz 4, Morrow 3, Porter 3, Rutherford 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Match rating: * * *

Murray 4, Degney 5, Robertson 3, Jones 3, Richards 4, Burns 4, Brankovic 3, Campbell 4, Pocock 3 (Millen 80 min.), Byrne 3, A. Griffiths 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: I. Baumgartner.

Maher 5, Branson 3, Bennett 2, P. Smith 4 (McNaughton 47 min.), Wykes 4, R. Griffith 2, Thompson 3, Trail 3, Bourke 4, Cacciola 3, O'Connor 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: * * *

Williamson 2, McMillan 3, Hughes 3, Malone 4, Leak 3 (Lawson 46 min. 4), Hooker 4, Quisted 2, Stewart 4, Deller 3, Keddie 4, Walker 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: J. Marston.

Corry 4, G. Smith 3 (N. Clark, 89 min.), Nixon 3, Darvill 3, Brady 4, Whalley 5, Turner 3, Doyle 4, Yaeger 3, D. Smith 3, Duma 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: R. Foster.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 3, G. Harris 4, Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Grosse 3 (Cotton 62 min.), Herron 3 (B. Harris 75 min.), Abooyi 4, Warren 3, Hamilton 3, Morgan 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: M. Johnson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Yugal lost this one on the tameness of their own shooting versus one goal, a lot of courage and a bit of luck from the Canterbury side. The goal came when Harry Xipolitis was well placed to angle in a ball that Steve Keri had completely miskicked. The courage was exemplified throughout in a lion-hearted display by the team. Lester Forrester in particular broke up many of Yugal's menacing movements. The stroke of luck was a 29th minute propelling of the ball in his own penalty area by Matt Guidice. No clear signal came from the near linesman and play went merrily on its way. Yugal's excellent defensive screen reduced Canterbury to making the occasional breakaway, but their confidence was such that when the chances came they made an excellent fist of them.

Crowd: 302.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Lee Scheinflug's predetermined tactics to contain the Safeway attack gave Western Suburbs a head start in defeating the visitors and take the lead in the First Division. The game produced little excitement as good football was scarce, but full marks to West's defence, which successfully shut out a determined United attack, particularly in the second half. Col Curran, Warren Turnbull and Steve Perry spoilt every attacking move by their opponents and also sent good passes for breakaways on which West's relied for most of the game. Both West's goals were scored against the run of play. Despite doing most of the attacking, it was a frustrating game for Safeway as with Adman Alston out of touch the rest of the forward line looked very ordinary.

Crowd: 563.

Referee: G. Warne.

— CHARLES SPITERI

This was a match which might have earned better than a three-point rating had the players behaved sensibly. Much of it was good, particularly the footwork of Ile and Carrizo, and there was plenty of genuine effort from both sides. Unfortunately, it appeared as if some players had been fed on raw meat before taking the field because there was no excuse for some of the vicious tackling which went on. Justice was done in the result, with neither side really deserving both points. There was criticism of referee Peter Rampley for not being stricter, but he had a most difficult job trying to control players who refused to be controlled.

Crowd: 6,051.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— LOU GAUTIER

Hakoah's persistence finally brought them a draw with Marconi through a first-class goal from Norrie Porter. Until that goal came seven minutes before the end they had spent ages around the Marconi penalty box without ever looking like finishing off the job. Porter's goal, which found a passage through a bunched Marconi defence, let him off the hook for the penalty he wasted after Barry Jones fouled in his own area. In part, Hakoah's draw came as a result of bringing Murray Barnes in for the second half, with Tom Morrow working the left wing. Marconi's defence operated smoothly, with under-rated Bill Murray again playing well and Paul Degney showing increased maturity and a ton of pace. In Hakoah's goal Coe handled the high balls well, and John Watkiss had another great game, using short and long passes judiciously throughout the match.

Crowd: 635.

Referee: F. Shiba.

— KEITH GILMOUR

In the first half Sutherland were superior in every team position, with Auburn so far below form that it appeared that Sutherland could well pile three more on in the second. Then the Light Blues lost Paul Smith, and with Col Bennett lacking command in the air the positions reversed and it was all Auburn. Unfortunately for them they could not turn their dominance into goals. Allan Maher celebrated his departure with the World Cup side for Germany by making three top class saves in the first five minutes. With Auburn hitting the woodwork twice about the same time things were certainly going Sutherland's way. Derek Trail had a great match in his role as midfield general. For Auburn Jimmy Stewart was full value for 90 minutes, and their rise in the second session was greatly helped by Frank Malone's constructive play.

Crowd: 978.

Referee: T. Davies.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

A slightly over-confident St. George took the field with five of their World Cup players in their side and Croatia, with nothing to lose, taught them a lesson. In the first half you could have said that the World Cup players didn't go into unnecessary tackles but stood back to wait for a mistake or a bad pass to capitalise on. In the second half, one goal down, they really used hard to close the gap. Unfortunately for them, Croatia hit a purple patch and were the better team from start to finish. They played a very attractive attacking football and kept the pressure on, never giving a chance to the struggling Saints. Admittedly, Saints also had their chances, but had shooting and Corry's excellent form after some weeks of a "rest" kept the Croatian goal in tact.

Crowd: 1,054.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— FRANK JORDAN

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	9	—	—	32	4	18
West's	7	—	—	12	8	14
APIA	5	1	12	12	12	12
St. George	6	—	4	20	14	12
Safeway	5	1	2	9	8	11
Pan Hellenic	5	2	3	9	10	8
Croatia	3	2	7	12	8	8
Marconi	3	1	6	11	18	7
Sutherland	2	2	4	9	14	6
Canterbury	2	1	8	10	12	5
Yugal-Prague	2	1	7	18	13	2
Auburn	2	7	2	13	2	2

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Safeway	1	—	18	7	15	15
Marconi	5	2	1	15	5	12
St. George	5	2	3	25	19	12
Hakoah	4	2	3	14	9	11
Croatia	4	2	4	16	13	10
Sutherland	2	5	1	14	13	9
APIA	3	2	2	18	10	8
West's	2	2	17	12	8	8
Auburn	2	1	4	6	8	5
Canterbury	2	1	8	6	22	5
Yugal-Prague	2	—	6	5	24	4
Pan Hellenic	1	1	7	15	13	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	5	3	—	22	9	13
Melita Eagles	5	2	1	14	5	12
Manly	4	2	2	12	9	10
Balgownie	4	1	2	16	12	9
Goldford	3	2	3	15	16	7
Polonia	2	3	2	9	7	6
Corinthians	1	3	2	9	11	5
Rapid	1	3	3	6	10	5
Marrickville	1	2	3	11	12	4
Bankstown	1	2	3	7	15	4
Newtown	1	2	4	12	14	4
NS-Inter	—	1	5	4	14	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	5	1	2	24	7	11
Manly	5	1	2	19	9	11
Melita Eagles	5	2	1	14	5	11
Balgownie	4	1	2	15	11	9
Bankstown	3	2	1	10	11	8
Rapid	3	1	3	16	20	7
Goldford	2	3	2	9	17	6
NS-Inter	3	—	3	12	20	6
Polonia	2	1	1	14	11	5
Corinthians	1	1	3	7	13	3
Marrickville	—	1	3	9	20	2
Newtown	—	1	6	6	17	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	2	—	22	3	15
Balgownie	4	2	—	23	7	10
Bankstown	4	1	1	10	4	9
Granville	4	2	—	9	4	9
Polonia	2	2	—	13	6	6
Melita Eagles	3	—	5	10	14	6
Goldford	1	2	3	5	7	4
Corinthians	—	2	4	7	7	4
Newtown	1	2	3	5	12	4
NS-Inter	1	1	3	5	12	3
Rapid	—	3	3	2	13	3
Marrickville	—	—	4	13	8	0

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kew-Ingai	6	2	1	22	8	14
Warringah	5	1	2	21	8	11
Arndcliffe	5	1	2	12	10	11
Revesby	4	2	1	21	13	9
Nth. Districts	4	1	1	11	11	9
W. Suburbs	2	1	3	11	19	7
West Ryde	2	1	3	7	12	5
Wentworth	1	2	3	11	17	4
Campbelltown	2	—	5	13	19	4
Gladstoneville	1	—	4	13	19	4
Belmore	1	—	4	6	14	2
Uni. of NSW	1	—	5	4	20	1

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queens Park	4	3	—	22	7	11
Toongah	4	1	—	13	1	9
Blacktown	4	1	—	11	1	9
Riveston	2	2	1	21	11	8
Greenwich	3	2	2	14	13	8
Chelsea	3	1	3	18	13	7
Bondi	3	—	3	12	13	6
Nescon	2	—	4	7	11	4
Yagoua	2	—	4	7	11	4
Concordia	1	2	4	9	35	4
Arndcliffe	1	—	4	9	35	3
W. St. George	1	—	6	7	29	2

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Revesby	4	1	1	16	7	9
Artarmon	3	2	2	20	10	8
Lane Cove	3	2	2	13	10	8
Holroyd	3	2	2	13	10	8
Eastwood	3	1	2	18	13	7
Leithridge	2	3	2	16	15	4
Macquarie Uni.	3	1	3	16	22	7
Sydney Uni.	1	2	2	7	8	4
Maroubra	2	—	5	15	23	2
N. Bankstown	2	—	4	7	19	2
South Sydney	1	—	6	9	32	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cabrera	5	—	1	17	8	10
Baulkham Hills	4	2	—	13	7	10
Kingsford	4	—	2	10	5	8
Ryde	3	2	10	23	21	8
North Ryde	4	—	2	15	11	8
Fairfield	3	—	7	14	5	6
Canley Heights	1	2	1	4	5	4
Dae Why	2	—	4	11	15	4
Earwood	2	—	5	18	23	4
Huntville	1	2	4	8	15	4
Auburn	1	2	4	7	17	4
Blacktown	1	—	5	6	17	2

Despite growing status soccer must try harder

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Until the advent of Federation football in 1957 soccer in NSW had to carry the title of "Cinderella" on every occasion that the kicking and the handling codes were compared.

Of course, Cindy wasn't only the poor young sister whose limp and long figure sat draped by the fireplace and then swept the cobblestones with the witch broom.

She also travelled places and hooked up with a legendary prince.

Soccer today has reached the stage of going to the big Ball in West Germany next month, although royal riches are yet to come.

The World Cup breakthrough has already brought some remarkable advantages to the sport and more should be in the pipeline.

In Germany we will receive world-wide TV exposure, and if our national executives cannot organise some worthwhile home tours as profitable or more so than the Manchester United-Scotland year of 1967 then we will be really missing out on following up our advantage.

Now that the Sydney Cricket Ground has vacant dates we have the ability to give the public large numbers of booked seats, and in turn the code can introduce funds to the game that greatly exceed previous possibilities.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship has great advantages, but with bigger and better accommodation we must turn to upping the match revenues.

I'm not denying that the Sydney Sports Ground has its good points for spectators such as closeness to the play, but if you were on the SSG hall eay at the Santos game you would know the meaning of discomfort.

In a nutshell, we need the type of attraction that will fill the SSG and we must have the profits that these attractions will bring.

Certainly gate receipts of up to \$70,000 that have come in at the SSG are not to be sneezed at, and such match income is well in the class of the best so far from Rugby League.

Yet we must do better to succeed in future.

If you realise that the Melbourne Rules grand final drew \$140,000 last year the distance that we still have to go is measurable.

On recent popularity exercises (a poll in the "Sydney

Morning Herald") soccer stood sixth in Australia in general interest amongst all sports and seventh in participation rate.

This was an adult poll and as soccer is stronger across the board in the younger generation then surveys which included youngsters could reveal an even better picture.

One of the points pulling us back was Queensland's low rate of soccer interest.

It is one of the States most interested in National League, and possibly some such move could trigger off a much better public response to the code.

The game must move its weaker areas into the mainstream of progress in order to succeed.

Rugby League for example, is handicapped for all time by its lack of southern states penetration.

NSW has now reached the stage where, in a sample quizzed on sporting likings, the ratio of interested persons in rugby and soccer has been narrowed to 3:2.

To get top soccer interest to flow through to a greater percentage of the public in general is, of course, of critical importance.

When Rugby League president Kevin Humphreys came to power in April 1973 — and leaving aside pre-in-the-sky Super League — he plumped for home-and-away suburban matches and improved local ground facilities as well as a TV competition.

With their first grade clubs already active in Manly, Parramatta, Penrith and Crookville, limitation to crowd improvements was likely, but any code operating within a city of Sydney's size needs to spread its top class play into various areas.

In similar fashion we in soccer need to draw from big areas such as Manly-Warringah just as we have gained from the operations of First Division clubs at Fairfield and Ryde.

As to their TV competition, although it is just at the speedily-leaked stage and may never compare with "The Big Match", it can bond the RL public with the code.

We in Sydney soccer need to think about a greater spread

of clubs, and the country divisional situation as well.

In the country the Rothman's Cup could be the vehicle for more improvement, but it is of no avail to slavishly follow the English pattern.

Country clubs have a limited stature, and only on a divisional basis can they reach the required level to ensure regular public following.

In 1975 country divisions could be admitted into the Cup on a Divisional basis — Far South Coast, Riverina, ACT, West, North West, North Coast, Central Coast and so on.

If this is not brought within the ambit of the Rothman's then some other worthwhile sponsorship should be sought to field an Inter-Divisional championship confined to the country alone.

AMATEURS

History indicates that the Amateur Federation is better constructed to handle junior representative football, so it is high time that the NSW Federation became a state and not just a Sydney body and sought out a sponsor to move the country ahead.

There is nothing like incentive to ensure progress, and there are countless centres where the RL divisional championships will not be played on certain days that can be exploited to get the great soccer code moving along.

In winning spectators the open secret is that the stand-

LEADING GOALSCORERS

D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	8
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
P. OLLERTON (APIA)	6
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	6
D. KEDDIE (Auburn)	6
J. ALASICH (Yugal-Prague)	6
J. GACCIGLIA (Sutherland)	5
J. HERRON (St. George)	5
M. TOLSON (Safeway)	5

CROWDS

Last week's attendance:	11,136 (12,315).
Average per match:	1,856 (2,052).
Attendance after 9 rounds:	112,002 (107,158).
Average weekly attendance:	12,444 (11,906).
In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.	

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fixtures for the fifth State League round scheduled for this weekend are as follows:

● Saturday — George Cross v. Austria, Alexander v. Slavia.

● Sunday — Polonia v. Juventus, JUST v. SM-Hellas, Wilhelmina v. Melbourne, Hakoah v. Mooroolbark.

First Division fixtures for this weekend are:

● Saturday — St. Albans v. Frankston City, Yallourn v. Essendon Lions, Sunshine City v. Albion Rovers, Preston v. Green Gully, Altona City v. Keilor City.

● Sunday — Box Hill v. Western Suburbs.

Sandy Irvine, who has been bogged down with injury for the past three years since he lost his place in the Australian team in fact, is again out of action. This time the Aberdonian is suffering from cracked ribs.

Syd Steele, who has given a decade of service to Wilhelmina, has been out of action recently after having seven stitches in a head wound he sustained in a recent match.

Six of the Under-16 Victorian side which won the national championships in 1972 are now firmly installed as first team regulars with State League clubs. They are: Mando Ristovski (JUST), Ian Humble (Slavia), Arthur Xantopoulos (South Melbourne Hellas), Gary Cole (Wilhelmina) and the Juventus pair of Claude Lucchesi and Bruno Sabidussi.

Francis Mifsud, the former Hibernians (Malta) defender who has played for his country and who has been sitting on the sidelines in Melbourne for over a year awaiting a clearance, recently got his wish and has signed for George Cross.

Ulysses Kokkinos, the former South Melbourne Hellas striker who joined Alexander last year after a spell back in Greece, is in dispute with the club over money matters and unconfirmed reports say he may return to Hellas or join APIA in Sydney.

David Prentice, the former St. Mirren forward who broke his leg in his first game in the middle of last season for Melbourne, is back in action and big things are expected from this striker.

— JIM COOK

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai opened up a three-point lead at the head of the Third Division table and Warringah and Norrhis improved their positions last weekend, although four of the eight fixtures on the roster were not played due to weather-affected grounds.

Ku-ring-gai reshuffled their side in a bid to lift their performance. They scored four goals without reply against West Ryde.

In the goals were Phil Lynch, Robin Mills and Graham Firrell, plus an "own" goal as a bonus.

The changes brought Keith Birdall in as stopper, Bob Turner at left-back, and Robin Mills moved up to the midfield. Jim Morgan made a welcome return to the first team.

Warringah — 5-0 winners ultimately — didn't yield to 15 minutes of West Sutherland pressure, and were rewarded in the 20th minute when John Bowen sank a rebound from a Jim Hughes shot into the net.

Kevin Davidson came next with a goal following a one-two with Jim Ridding.

Bowen netted a penalty after a foul on Gerry Bow-

WORLD CUP DIARY

● Chile's preparations suffered a severe jolt when they lost 1-0 to Northern Ireland in Santiago.

● A total of 78 different souvenir items will be on sale during the World Cup. The most popular so far has been the Cup emblem figures, Tip and Tap. More than \$1,300,000 worth of souvenirs have been sold so far.

● Sir Alf Ramsey is likely to write a daily column during the World Cup — for a West German newspaper.

● Uruguay scored a great, impressive 4-0 victory over crack Argentinian club, Independiente, in Montevideo.

● In a tune-up match before the World Cup, Swiss Second Division team Luzern beat Zaire 4-1 in Luzern.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Polonia v. Marrickville — Soccer Centre
Rapid v. Bankstown — Marrickville Oval
Granville v. NS-Inter — Garside Park
Balgownie v. Corinthians — Balgownie Oval

SUNDAY, MAY 26

NSW v. ABERDEEN (Scotland) — Sydney Sportsground

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Yugal-Prague v. Sutherland — Marks Field
Rapid v. Marrickville — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Auburn v. Hakoah — Mona Park
Marconi v. APIA — Marconi Oval

Polonia v. Melita Eagles — Soccer Centre
Newtown v. Granville — Erskineville Oval
Guildford v. Balgownie — Guildford Park

Manly v. Bankstown — Inman Park

NS-Inter v. Corinthians — North Sydney Oval

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	9	6	2	1	15	4	14	4	3	1	1	8	3	7	3	1	—	7	1	7	
Safeway	10	5	3	2	17	11	13	7	4	1	—	10	4	9	1	2	2	7	7	4	
Hakoah	9	5	2	2	20	11	12	6	3	2	1	12	6	6	3	—	1	8	5	6	
Pan Hellenic	9	5	2	2	20	11	12	6	3	—	1	13	6	6	2	2	1	7	5	6	
St. George	10	4	1	5	17	14	9	11	3	—	1	10	3	6	1	1	4	7	11	3	
Yugal-Prague	9	2	5	2	15	12	9	9	2	1	1	8	4	5	—	4	1	7	8	4	
APIA	8	3	3	2	14	13	9	7	2	3	—	10	8	7	1	—	2	4	5	2	
Marconi	10	1	6	3	7	10	8	12	—	3	2	1	4	3	1	3	1	6	6	5	
Croathia	10	2	3	5	15	19	7	13	2	1	2	11	10	5	—	2	3	4	9	2	
Auburn	10	3	1	6	13	18	7	13	2	1	1	6	5	5	1	—	5	7	13	2	
Sutherland	9	2	3	4	11	18	7	11	1	2	2	8	12	4	1	1	2	3	6	3	
Canterbury	11	2	3	6	13	36	7	15	2	2	2	6	9	6	—	1	4	7	27	1	

M. stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.



ABERDEEN PLAYERS' MATCH APPEARANCES

Aberdeen used 24 men for first-team matches in 1973-74, including two ever-presents. The club's attendance record was:

Clark 54, W. Young 54, Hermiston 53, Jarvie 52, Graham 50, Thomson 49, Willie Miller 47, Joe Smith 38, Robb 29, Taylor 28, Hair 27, McLelland 16, Willoughby 14, Bertie Miller 13, Purdie 13, Williamson 12, Boel 10, Pirie 9, Henry 8, Craig 6, Jimmy Miller 5, McCall 4, Mitchell 2, Street 1.

Aberdeen's inability to get among the goals is reflected in the fact that Dave Robb, who missed almost half the games, finished as second top scorer with 13 goals.

Drew Jarvie was out on his own with 27, and Arthur Graham came third with eight. Ian Taylor had five and Bertie Miller and Jim Hermiston had four each, with the skipper getting all his from penalty kicks.

Own goals by Anderson (Hearts), Addison and Narey (Dundee United) and McDougall (Rangers) accounted for four more, and the total was completed by:

Young, Joe Smith and McCall two each; Hair, Willie Miller, Purdie, Thomson, McLelland and Williamson one each — making a very low total of 77 goals in 54 games.

● In Adelaide last week South Australia held Aberdeen to a 2-2 draw.

● The new 30,000-capacity Ferencvaros stadium was officially opened last Sunday in Budapest in a match against Vasas. More than 250,000 people applied for tickets.

● Antal Szentmihályi, veteran Hungarian international goalkeeper, one of the tragic anti-heroes of the 1966 World Cup, will retire at the end of the current season, at the age of 35. He won six Hungarian championship medals with Ujpest over the years.

● Bobby Charlton, whose team Preston North-End were relegated to the Third Division, plans to make a comeback as a player for his team next season, at 36.

● Bayern Munchen won the West German league championship for the third time running.

Sir Alf Ramsey has knocked back an offer to coach Ajax Amsterdam, who were prepared to pay him \$40,000 for one season in Holland.

● Inter Milan have offered Lazio \$800,000 for their ace midfielder De Ceconi, whom they want to play next to Mazzola.

● A record Moroccan soccer crowd of 45,000 in Casablanca last week watched Johan Cruyff's Barcelona beat local side, WAC, 3-1, in a charity match for the families of victims of a mining disaster.

● CSKA Sofia's Bulgarian international Yankov has been suspended for six matches by the UEFA for "misbehaving" in the recent European Cup match against Bayern Munchen.

● Sarajev's Yugoslav international centre-forward, Musemic, will play in France next season — for Nantes.

● One spectator died of heart attack in the grandstand during a riotous Yugoslav match between Hajduk Split and Red Star Belgrade three weeks ago. The match was one of the most violent in Yugoslavia for years, with fights amongst spectators, players and even officials. Two players were sent off and both clubs levelled charges of incompetence and corruption at the referee.

● Nothing changes in Belgium: Anderlecht have again won the championship — their 16th title since 1950.

● With the competition almost drawing to an end Sporting Lisbon's Argentinian striker Yazalde has an unassailable lead in the Adidas "Golden Boot" award for Europe's leading goalscorers. With 43 goals, he is 13 ahead of Krankl (Rapid Vienne) and Gerd Muller.

● Roman club Lazio has won the Italian "scudetto," runners-up in the 1973-74 championship were Juventus.

● Australia's two World Cup referees against South Korea last year were in charge of the European Cup finals. Vital Loraux refereed the Champions' Cup final and Arie van Gemert the Cup-Winners' Cup final.

● Ferenc Puskas, whose contract won't be renewed by the Greek Panathinaikos, is also being tipped as the new coach of Standard Liege (Belgium).

● After five years with Moenchengladbach, West German international Sieloff has announced his retirement from the Bundesliga scene. Next season he will play regional soccer with Alemannia Aachen.

● Following many serious crowd incidents at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, the Italian Olympic Committee has allocated \$100,000 to strengthen security arrangements at the ground.

● A minute's silence was observed at all Italian matches earlier this month to mark the 25th anniversary of the Superga air crash which on May 4, 1949, decimated the Torino team.

● Vancouver Whitecaps, the Canadian side in the North American Professional League who played San Jose Earthquakes in their first game of the season on Sunday, May 5, attracted a crowd of 17,343 to their game in Vancouver . . . and it was raining almost the entire game. A crowd every Australian team will envy . . .

● It's never too early . . . Peru, would you believe, last week advised FIFA it was applying to stage the . . . 1994 World Cup finals!

● Italy's best-known and most controversial referee, Concetto Lo Bello, has finally retired — officially. This time he swears he won't do a "Melba" and won't be coaxed out of "retirement" like in recent years when he announced on four occasions he was putting his whistle in the mothballs, only to renege a matter of weeks later.

● Results of some recent internationals involving World Cup finalists: Brazil 2, Paraguay 0, Chile 1, Eire 2, East Germany 1, Soedra (Sweden) 1, Argentina 0, Granada (Spain) 0.

● Scotland beat England 2-0 at Hampden Park, Glasgow, to win the British Championship.

● Sao Paulo FC last week beat Uruguay 1-0, in Montevideo. The Brazilians missed a penalty and dominated from start to finish.

● The title of the world's most travelled football coach — and also the oldest — goes to Bela Guttmann who, at the age of 73 became technical director of FK Austria in Vienna. Guttmann can speak five languages, Bulgarian, German, Spanish, Italian and English, and has worked in ten different countries as a coach. He began with the New York Giants in 1936. He followed with Enschede, Holland 1937, Ujpest Dozsa, Hungary 1938, Dinamo Bucharest, Romania 1945, Ujpest Dozsa 1946, Vasas Budapest 1947, Kispest Budapest 1948, Padova Italy 1950, Triestina 1951, AC Milan 1952, Lanerossi Vicenza 1954. Then he moved to South America to Sao Paulo, Brazil 1956, Porto Portugal 1956, Benfica, Portugal 1959, Penarol, Uruguay 1962, Benfica 1964, Servette, Switzerland 1966, and Panathinaikos, Greece 1967.

● Hans Kraay has been appointed the new Ajax manager. The 37-year-old Kraay played nine times for Holland and last worked with the other first division club, Go Ahead.

Bayern Munchen v. Atletico Madrid 4-0

EUROPEAN CUP TO BAVARIANS

Bayern Munchen confirmed their rating as Europe's best club team with a thumping 4-0 win in the final of the European Champions' Cup in Brussels last Friday.

Atletico Madrid, to everyone's surprise, had held the Germans to a 1-1 draw 48 hours earlier in an exciting match.

But the replay was strictly a no-contest with the Bavarians quickly imposing their will on the Spaniards with two goals apiece from Gerd Muller and Heynckes.

NSW v. BRISTOL ROVERS 0-3

How useful was this exercise?

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The attempt to stage a match against English visitors Bristol Rovers against a backdrop of the World Cup team's departure, the understandable avoidance of injury outlook by touring players and an ill-prepared NSW side resulted in a paltry attendance of 4,481 at the Sportsground on Wednesday of last week.

The Rovers won 3-0 after a second-half cancer on a warm night punctuated with showers, after a first half that provided some fine soccer.

For those who didn't see the match let there be no doubt that Bristol proved they were worthy Third Division champions and should prove an acquisition in the English Second Division.

At full bore they would certainly give a fright to the best we could field.

Although Alan Warboys carried a leg injury he demonstrated enough drive to show out as a central striker of distinction.

Bruce Bannister, a quicksilver goal poacher, wasn't the only pebble on the beach when it came to lightning fast raids.

Ken Stephens angled in a flashing drive in the second half, with Jim Fraser committing elsewhere and State captain Johnny Watkins trying a last ditch slide.

HANDY MATERIAL

In truth there was plenty of Bristol material that Rale Rasic would have found handy for Hamburg and West Berlin had they been locals.

Bannister, Warboys, Stephens, and the ex-Sheffield Wednesday ball artist Colin Dobson aside, Jim Eadie in goal — an ex-Cardiff City Scot — was a top class performer.

Eadie was diving left in the 18th minute when Bob McGinn's apparent winner struck his feet and was somehow flicked up over his bar. Intended or not, the save bordered on the miraculous.

In the 49th minute Eadie came from nowhere to block a rising drive from Terry Butler that looked a cert all the way.

The rest of the defence, with an aggressive Stuart Taylor as stopper, was big, solid, and uncompromising, in style and outlook reminiscent of Glyn Pardoe and the big 1970 Manchester City defenders.

Despite the dropping of an early goal, NSW were convincing in the first half.

Alston was close to his very top form: he and Ernie Campbell carved consistently into the Rovers' defence.

No-one, however, was more active than APJA's 23-year-old Bob McGinn, who continually put Bristol under pressure with intelligent running and crosses.

Allan Maher, after conceding the early goal, did himself proud through the rest of the first half and valiantly smothered a superb left-footer from Dobson.

Unfortunately it took some time for Ivo Rudic to settle, Billy Rogers came in spurts, and Terry Butler was thwarted by the English defenders.

After halftime the sparkling NSW play dropped back quite a few pegs, and the teamwork deteriorated.

WILLIAMS EXCELLENT

Harry Williams had an excellent match apart from one blemish, using his instinctive skill and vigor non-stop.

A word for Alan Ainslie. Although he didn't hit the heights, he was another willing worker who contributed more than his share to the proceedings.

Where Alston and Campbell vanished to remains a mystery.

Bristol used the time to slip the ball round and give three replacements, including skilful Gordon Fearnley, the chance to show their not inconsiderable flair.

Playing for 50% of the gate of some \$5,000 couldn't have given them too much joy.

NSW: Maher (Fraser 46 min.), McGinn, Rudic, Watkiss, Williams, Ainslie, Campbell, Harding, Rogers (Bennett 60 min.), Alston, Butler.

Bristol Rovers: Eadie, Jacobs, Parsons, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Stephens (Stanforth 60 min.), Stanton, Warboys (Fearnley 79 min.), Bannister, Dobson (Rudge 70 min.).

Scorers: Bannister 4 min., Stephens 53 min., Watkiss (own goal), 78 min.

Referee: T. Davies.

Crowd: 4,481.

● Bristol Rovers beat a Combined Coalfields XI 9-1 at Weston Sportsground, Newcastle, last Thursday evening, but in Melbourne last Sunday they were beaten 2-1 by Victoria. Former Soccerroo Jim Armstrong scored the winning goal.

BONTHRONE'S TRAVELS

It's less than five years since Jimmy Bonthron joined Aberdeen as coach under Eddie Turnbull, but he has certainly seen a bit of the world since. His journey's look like a Cook's tour.

When Bobby Brown was team manager he had Bonthron as one of his team coaches, and that involved games in various parts of Europe.

In his capacity as club coach and then as manager, Jimmy has also seen a bit of the world.

Already he has visited America, Bermuda, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Russia and Spain.

The current tour is taking in Iran, Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

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WORLD CUP NEWS AND VIEWS



Zaire's World Cup team: Back row, from left to right — Lobilo, Kibonge, Kazadi, Bwanga, Mwepu. Front row: Mayanga, Kidumu, Mana, Mbunga, Mukombo, Kakoko. Nicknamed "The Leopards", the Zairese, under Yugoslav coach Blagoje Vidinic are now in Europe. First stop was Britain where they will play in Southampton and in Scotland. Zaire's first World Cup match is against Scotland on June 14.

Yugoslavs have problems

— From PETAR MESKOVIC in Belgrade —

Anybody who claims that manager Milan Miljanic has no problems either doesn't know the current state of Yugoslav football or has some enormous problems of his own...

As a starter for a major headache, two of his star players, Bajevic and Karasi received three-week suspensions while another one, Acimovic, was thrown out for two weeks.

These followed the recent riotous Hajduk v. Red Star match in Split.

Hajduk's coach Ivic was also suspended for two months.

CHILE'S HOPES

"Chile was much stronger in 1962 than it is today," says former star and 104-time international Leonel Sanchez.

"For the 1962 World Cup, where we finished third, our team prepared for a solid eight months."

"That side was vastly experienced and also extremely combative."

"Today's team lacks these qualities though it may be more accomplished technically and tactically."

The 37-year-old Sanchez is still active, playing for the second division Ferroviano. He also runs a sports store in the city of Santiago.

"It would be silly for anybody to write off Chile in the World Cup," he warns.

"I am not saying Chile will win the World Cup but getting into the second round is not beyond them."

During a doomybrook Ivic rushed on the field — and then collapsed when Karasi delivered a perfect uppercut.

The extra irony of the matter is that Ivic is one of the coaches co-opted to work with the national team — and Karasi is under his care.

Miljanic invited only 13 players for the beginning of the training camp that will lead up to the World Cup.

These are: Meskovic (no relation), Muzinic, Oblak, Surjak and Buljan (all Hajduk), Katalinski and Hadzadzic (both Zeljeznicar), Bogicevic, Karasi, V. Petrovic and Acimovic (all Red Star), Bajevic and Vlado (Velez).

They will be joined by Peskovic, just home from his French club Troyes.

Miljanic also wants to try out some others, including

the brilliant fullback Krivokuca, back from a long injury — forced lay off and Jankovic from Sarajevo.

At the end of May Yugoslavia will meet Hungary and by then Miljanic hopes to have at his disposal also Bukal (from Standard Liege) as well as Mario (Velez), Jerkovic and Holcer

(Hajduk) and O. Petrovic (Red Star).

The last phases of the preparations will start with a match against Troyes on June 1 and against England in Belgrade on June 5.

It will be only after that that Miljanic will announce the names of the 22 players who travel to Frankfurt.

NETZER FIGHTS FOR HIS "LIFE"

— From HANS SCHMIDT in Frankfurt —

Gunter Netzer, only 12 months ago the idol of the West German public, is fighting for his soccer life.

Two spells with injury and a form decline in Madrid have seriously endangered his place in the World Cup team.

After the recent match against Sweden, where young Hoeness performed so well and Netzer so poorly, one newspaper headlined: "Hoeness is the new Netzer."

Netzer admitted ruefully: "I know my game went to pieces but I am determined to get back into top form."

"In the match against Sweden I tried but received little co-operation."

YELL

"Take Jurgen Grabowski, our right-winger. Time and time again I slipped him

the ball and yelled, 'return it, you'll get it back again!'

"And what did Grabowski do? He raced around half the pitch and left me high and dry waiting for the return pass."

"Even Hoeness disappointed me. Sure, he has a tremendous work rate — but is he trying to win the world championship on his own?"

Now back in Germany, Netzer is hopeful of regaining his old form.

"I'll train twice daily and my former conditioners at Gladbach, Drygalaski and Rudi Schlotz will help me a lot," he said.

"Anyway, I couldn't have been that bad against Sweden," Netzer added with gallows humor.

"After all, at least three people asked for my autograph..."

LOTTERY

West Germany's mammoth sports lottery for 1974 has just closed — with a takings of 107 million DM (about \$30 million).

About a third of this was paid out in prizes and another third will be kept largely for the modernisation of the stadiums during the World Cup, for amateur and top international sport and for the World Cup organising committee.

This star won't be in Germany

— From JAN VAN VLIET in Amsterdam —

Horst Blankenburg will be one of the best players not taking part in the World Cup.

The splendid Ajax defender was born in Germany but has been playing in Holland for some years now.

Last year West German manager Helmut Schoen all but offered him a spot in his team as a sweeper.

However, Blankenburg declined saying that within a few months he would receive his Dutch citizenship and would then play for Holland.

As it turned out, last month the Dutch Ministry of Justice refused to speed up Blankenburg's citizenship application.

Now the tall defender is certain to miss out on selection either for his native or for his adopted country.

World Cup contest

1. Result of Australia v. East Germany* (10 points)
2. Result of Australia v. West Germany* (10 points)
3. Result of Australia v. Chile* (10 points)
4. Result of Yugoslavia v. Scotland** (10 points)
5. Result of Italy v. Argentina *** (10 points)
6. Name the leading goalscorer of the World Cup (3 points)
7. How many matches will referee A. Boskovic appear in **** (3 points)
8. Number of players sent off in the finals (7 points)
9. Loser of the play-off for third place (5 points)
10. Winner of the play-off for third place (5 points)
11. Runner-up in the World Cup (beaten finalist) (5 points)
12. Winner of the World Cup (5 points)

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE TIPPED TO WIN TWILIGHT GAME

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Wet weather once again forced postponement of half of the six-match program and with the season approaching half-way the competition is in complete shambles.

Every team has at least two matches postponed, some twice that amount, which makes hard work in forward planning both for the top and bottom teams.

In the three matches played last Sunday, Granville and Melita edged further ahead, both winning their games while Balgownie and Manly drew.

Main features of matches played were:

Balgownie v. Manly 1-1

A crowd of more than 1,500 turned out to watch an exciting and entertaining clash which produced some good football from both sides.



DANNY MCKINNON

With their wealth of new talent, Balgownie looked most impressive in the first half an hour with precision passing and excellent lead-up work.

They scored in the 17th minute — a picture goal

professionally taken by Don Shanks from a hip-high cross by Gus Bady on the right flank.

Undaunted by the one goal deficit, Manly hit back after the resumption with some very good attacking movements and were unlucky not to equalise when a shot by Johnstone hit the corner where the post meets the crossbar and bounced back into play.

However, the equaliser came in the 68th minute when newcomer Vince Jackson slammed home from close range a well-taken freekick floated over the heads by Archie Blue.

Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Pacey, Tinney, Hurley, Langford, Eady, Shanks (1), Ronald (Royall), Levan, Freeman.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Dunwell (Russell), Stonehouse (Stedman), Hutchinson, Stocks, Johnstone, Jackson (1), Gosling, Blue, Mallam.

Melita Eagles v. Newtown 2-0

Melita Eagles had to wait until halfway through the second half before they could penetrate the Newtown defence.

Newtown held their own in the first half and with a little luck could have taken the lead. They missed an open goal when Peter Clarke put John Demos through but the latter shot wide.

The Eagles, however, got on top after the interval with frequent dangerous attacks.

In the 70th minute, the ice was broken when a cross

by Andrew Huntley on the wing found Colin McAusland in position. He hammered the ball into the net first time.

Ten minutes later, centre-forward Joe Farrugia pierced the defence, but when about to shoot he was brought down heavily in the penalty area.

He made no mistake from the resulting penalty kick.

Melita: McKechnie, Knaus, Cook, Van Blerk, Balenzuela, McKinnon, Huntley, D. McAusland, Farrugia (1), G. McAusland (1), Seiberger.

Newtown: Maglis, Koukis, Timentzouris, Ariola, Kebegias, Nezerites, Page, Mountharis (Thomas), Clarke (Melita), Howard, Demos.

Granville v. Rapid 1-0

Both teams finished with 10 men as Billy Fraser received his marching orders 20 minutes from the end and Alan Hillhouse followed him to the dressing rooms five minutes later.

The first half saw some very good lead-up work from Laurie Waters and Henry Selfridge, but Granville's finishing was poor.

However, in the 30th minute Stan Marshall leapt high to connect with a perfect pass by Stewart Gilmour to head home what was to be the deciding goal.

The Magpies kept the pressure on, but Rapid came back each time with some very good balls and went close to getting the equaliser on a few occasions.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'Maye, Mellish,



LAURIE WATERS

Gardner, Waters, Smith (Allan), Gilmour, Hann, Marshall (1), Fraser.

THIS WEEK

Only four matches will be played on Saturday and none on Sunday because of the NSW-Aberdeen match at the Sportsground.

Best game of the week should be at Woonona Oval where Balgownie will play Corinthians in a twilight game.

Competition leaders Granville should have an easy win over bottom-of-the-table Inter, but the clashes between Polonia and Marrickville and Rapid and Bankstown will probably produce close results with the home teams favored slightly.

KIWIS' GOOD RECORD

New Zealand's under-16 team scored 12 goals and conceded none in the NSW section of their Australian tour, yet once again Victoria's Juniors triumphed with a resounding 3-0 victory over the visitors.

Dubbo's match drew a 1,200 crowd, and Nowra also did the visitors proud with a 1,750 attendance.

Best of the visitors was midfielder player Richard Muligan with Nicky Reed, their bustling central striker, looking another worthwhile prospect.

The NSW Amateur under-16 team was a very creditable unit, and if that is the standard of our under-16 amateurs then it is high time that we found the way to encourage more of them to enter senior ranks.

Only in Canberra were there a few rough edges on the entertainment, and by and large the visitors fully appreciated the great welcome they received in both city and country alike.

— K. G.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

QUEEN'S PARK WINS A HEART-STOPPER!

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Queen's Park and Riverstone turned on a real top-of-the-table heart-stopper at Schofields Park last Saturday, won 4-3 by Queens Park in the dying minutes on Riverstone defensive mistakes.

Riverstone went to a 3-1 lead, and headed their opponents 3-2 at halftime.

Michael Milanovic looked like being their all-conquering hero, as he scored all three Riverstone goals.

The first was a direct freekick from just outside the box, followed by a clear break down the right wing and a shot from just inside the area, and then a penalty.

Queens Park's persistence brought its reward. Their second half fight-back found the home side slackening their efforts, and the final breaks resulted from dropped balls by the Riverstone keeper.

Steven Jensen scored two Q.P. goals, aided by a scor-

ing header from Mike Horigan and another from Ron Jones.

While Queens Park were pressing, Blacktown Spartan only had to go through the motions in their 10-1 win over Concordia at Francis Park.

Alan Cooper (4), Dennis Tooes (3), Alan Sharp (2) and Calvin Parkinson were the scorers.

For Concordia it was not as bad as it sounds. They played reasonable football in spasms, but even when they held Blacktown back in their penalty box they couldn't finish it off.

Bondi Marines gained a comfortable 3-0 win over Yagoona without ever hitting top form, and they started with a Yagoona "own" goal just on halftime after John Carter hit the bar.

Their other goals came in the 62nd and 86th minutes, the first from Stuart Campbell and the second when Rod Saville hammered a good shot into the roof of the net.

Toongabbie have only dropped one point in their five matches to date, and ran out 3-0 winners over Greenwich on the small Gore Creek ground.

Two goals came off opposing defenders, and Barry Walker picked up the other.

In Third Division Cabravala collected a 3-1 win against Hurstville, with Hurstville netting a penalty.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION
Blacktown v. Concordia 10-1
Riverstone v. Queens Pk. 3-4
Bondi v. Yagoona 3-0
Arncliffe v. Napaan 4-3
Chelsea v. W. St. George 6-3
Greenwich v. Toongabbie 0-3

SECOND DIVISION
Macquarie v. Leichhardt 5-4
Lane Cove v. N. Banks 4-1
Maroubra v. Paderos 1-3
Holroyd v. South Sydney 2-1

THIRD DIVISION
Auburn v. Dee Why 2-1
Cabravala v. Hurstville 3-1
N. Ryde v. Blacktown 2-0
Eastwood v. Baulkham H. 2-6
Ryde v. Canley Heights 2-2

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